

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) Ball screw nut comprising:

a hollow screw threaded nipple made of a metallic material having a plurality of spiral grooves at ~~the~~ a screw inner surface for a plurality of rolling balls to roll along therein, said nipple having a through recess extending in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said ball screw nut; and

a housing formed of a plastic material completely circumferentially enclosing said screw threaded nipple, said housing and said screw threaded nipple being firmly engaged with each other; and,

at least one protruded block that is insertable into said through recess for permitting a circulation of said rolling balls ~~said screw threaded nipple having an elongated hole extending in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said ball screw nut.~~

Claims 2—17: Cancelled.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) Ball screw nut of Claim 1, wherein ~~several~~ said at least one protruded blocks are block is formed on ~~the~~ a housing inner surface ~~of said housing~~ and ~~protruded~~ protrudes into said through recess ~~long hole~~.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) Ball screw nut of claim 18, wherein at least one of a plurality of circulation groove grooves is formed on ~~the~~ a protruded block inner surface ~~of each said protruded block~~.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) Ball screw nut of claim 19, wherein each pair of adjacent spiral grooves ~~are~~ is connected to each other by said at least one of a plurality of circulation ~~groove~~ grooves, and ~~the~~ a width of said circulation grooves is slightly greater than ~~the~~ a diameter of said balls.

Claim 21. (Currently amended) Ball screw nut of claim 20, wherein each ~~said~~ protruded block has more than one circulation ~~grooves~~ groove.

Claims 22-24 (Cancelled)